GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5799
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REDUCTION OF SUBSIDY ON FOODGRAIN EXPORTS
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have reduced the subsidy on foodgrain exports;

(b) whether FCI had decided to sell wheat to exporters at marginally higher prices of Rs.4310/- a tonne from April 1, 2002;

(c) whether reduction of subsidy will affect exports;

(d) if so, whether the Government will restore the subsidy of a higher level; and

(e) if so, the decision of the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI PRADHAN)

(a),(b),(c),(d)&(e): The Government has been announcing, from time to time, prices at which foodgrains from the Central Pool are offered for export. The offer price for wheat for export will be Rs.4310 per MT with effect from 11.5.2002.

The Government has also decided to reimburse post-delivery expenses to exporters consistent with WTO requirements which will vary from time to time.